

Welcome Opening Song

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Christmas Eve/11:00 pm

Mary is Everyone:
A New Song of Liberation
"Radical Hospitality"

Prelude Sing We Now of Christmas Traditional French Carol

Daniel Self - Piano

Choral Procession Sussex Carol David Wilcocks; Arr. Daniel Self

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

O Come, O Come Emmanuel Thomas Helmore; Arr : Sally DeFord**

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL, AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE. UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.

[REFRAIN]

REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL, SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.

O COME, THOU DAYSPRING COME AND CHEER OUR SPIRITS BY THINE ADVENT HERE. DISPERSE THE GLOOMY CLOUDS OF NIGHT. AND DEATH'S DARK SHADOW PUT TO FLIGHT.

[REFRAIN]

O COME, DESIRE OF NATIONS BIND IN ONE THE HEARTS OF HUMAN KIND. BID THOU OUR SAD DIVISIONS CEASE, AND BE THY SELF OUR KING OF PEACE.

[REFRAIN]

Prayer

Song

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Edmund H. Sears & Richard Storrs Willis; Arr: Sally DeFord**

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR,
THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD,
FROM ANGELS BENDING NEAR THE EARTH
TO TOUCH THEIR HARPS OF GOLD;

"PEACE ON THE EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL FROM HEAVEN'S ALL GRACIOUS KING." THE WORLD IN SOLEMN STILLNESS LAY TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING. FOR LO! THE DAYS ARE HAT'NING ON, BY PROPHETS SEEN OF OLD, WHEN WITH THE EVER CIRCLING YEARS SHALL COME THE TIME FORETOLD,

WHEN THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL OWN THE PRINCE OF PEACE THEIR KING, AND THE WHOLE WORLD SENDS BACK THE SONG WHICH NOW THE ANGELS SING.

Advent Candlelighting

Special Music Christmas Lullaby Alki UCC Community Choir

Songs for a New World Jason Robert Brown; Arr. Daniel E. Self

Soloists - Pastor Emily & Amelia O'Neil

Scripture Diane J, Liturgist

Luke 2:1-20 NRSVue

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

The Shepherds and the Angels

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Song Angels We Have Heard on High Traditional French Carol Edward S. Barnes; Arr Sally DeFord**

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, SWEETLY SINGING O'ER THE PLAINS. AND THE MOUNTAINS IN REPLY ECHO BACK THEIR JOYOUS STRAINS,

[REFRAIN] GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

SHEPHERDS WHY THIS JUBILEE?
WHY YOUR JOYOUS STRAINS PROLONG?
SAY WHAT MAY THE TIDINGS BE.
WHICH INSPIRE YOUR HEAVENLY SONG.

[REFRAIN]

COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE
CHRIST WHOSE BIRTH THE ANGELS SING;
COME ADORE ON BENDED KNEE.
GOD, OUR WORLD NOW ENTERING.

[REFRAIN]

SEE THE BABE IN MANGER LAID
WHOM THE CHOIRS OF ANGELS PRAISE
MARY, JOSEPH, LEND YOUR AID.
WHILE OUR HEARTS IN LOVE WE RAISE.

[REFRAIN]

Homily

Song Abide with Me William Henry Monk & Henry Francis Lyte Arr: Craig Petrie

ABIDE WITH ME. FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE; THE DARKNESS DEEPENS. LORD, WITH ME ABIDE. WHEN OTHER HELPERS FAIL AND COMFORTS FLEE. HELP OF THE HELPLESS, OH, ABIDE WITH ME.

SWIFT TO ITS CLOSE EBBS OUT LIFE'S LITTLE DAY.
EARTH'S JOYS GROW DIM; ITS GLORIES PASS AWAY.
CHANGE AND DECAY IN ALL AROUND I SEE.
O THOU WHO CHANGEST NOT, ABIDE WITH ME.
I NEED THY PRESENCE EVERY PASSING HOUR.
WHAT BUT THEY GRACE CAN FOIL THE TEMPTER'S POW'R?
WHO LIKE THYSELF, MY GUIDE AND STAY CAN BE?
THROUGH CLOUD AND SUNSHINE, LORD ABIDE WITH ME!

ABIDE WITH ME. FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE; THE DARKNESS DEEPENS, LORD WITH ME ABIDE! WHO, LIKE THYSELF, MY GUIDE AND STAY CAN BE? THRU CLOUD AND SUNSHINE, LORD, ABIDE WITH ME!

Prayers of the People

Offering Invitation

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Musical Offering Oh Holy Night Adolphe AdamEnglish translation by John Sullivan Dwight

Arr: César Madeira Vocalist - Joe Mitter

Doxology Sung to tune of What Child is This?

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator Christ and Spirit one.

Prayer of Dedication

Song O Come All Ye Faithful J.F. Wade Arr: David Willcocks

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL,
JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT!
O COME YE, O COME YE TO BETHLEHEM!
COME AND BEHOLD HIM,
BORN THE KING OF ANGELS:

[REFRAIN]

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!

TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD
LIGHT FROM LIGHT ETERNAL,
BEHOLD, HE COMES FORTH FROM THE VIRGIN'S WOMB.
SON OF GOD, BE GOTTEN, NOT CREATED.
[REFRAIN]

SEE HOW THE SHEPHERDS,
SUMMONED TO HIS CRADLE,
LEAVING THEIR FLOCKS, DRAW NIGHT WITH LOWLY FEAR;
WE TOO WILL TITHER,
BEND OUR JOYFUL FOOTSTEPS:

[REFRAIN]

CHILD, FOR US SINNERS,

POOR AND IN THE MANGER.

FAIN WE EMBRACE THEE, WITH AWE AND LOVE;

WHO WOULD NOT LOVE THEE,

LOVING US SO DEARLY?

[REFRAIN]

SING CHOIRS OF ANGELS, SING IN EXULTATION,
SING, ALL YE CITIZENS OF HEAV'N ABOVE;
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST;
[REFRAIN]

YEA, LORD, WE GREET THEE, BORN THIS HAPPY MORNING,

JESU, TO THEE BE GLORY GIV'N;

WORD OF THE FATHER, NOW IN FLESH APPEARING;

[REFRAIN]

Candlelit Silent Night

Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr

Arr: Mark Hayes **

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,
ALL IS CALM ALL IS BRIGHT
ROUND YON VIRGIN MOTHER AND CHILD,
HOLY INFANT SO TENDER AND MILD.
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE,
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGH, SON OF GOD; LOVE'S PURE LIGHT. RADIANT BEAMS FROM THY HOLY FACE. WITH THE DAWN OF REDEEMING GRACE. JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH. JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT.
WONDROUS STAR, LEND THY LIGHT
WITH THE ANGELS LET US SING
ALLELUIA TO THE KING.
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN,
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN.

Benediction

Song

Joy to the World

G.F. Handel & Isaac Watts

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME; LET EARTH ITS PRAISES BRING; LET EVERY HEART PREPARE CHRIST ROOM, AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING, AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING, AND HEAVEN AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING.

JOY TO THE EARTH! THE SAVIOR REIGNS!

LET ALL THEIR SONGS EMPLOY;

WHILE FIELDS AND FLOODS, ROCKS, HILLS, AND PLAINS

REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,

REPEAT, REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY.

CHRIST RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE,
AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE
THE GLORIES OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE,
AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE,
AND WONDERS, WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE.

Thank you for joining us tonight!

We hope you will experience
the joy and strength that we have found
in this community of faith.
To all our friends, long-time and new,
we wish you a very blessed Christmas season!
— Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Tonight's Service:

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Pastor
Daniel E. Self, Music Director
Alki UCC Community Choir
We Were There, an original Christmas Pageant
written by Pastor Emily
Liturgist: Diane J
Greeters: Keith and Marti T, Lisa G and Dan K
Order of Worship Subject to Change;
Music Covered by One License.net #A-7 10529
Image—Mary: Love Forever Being Born by Kelly Latimore
Portions of today's service are recorded
for possible posting
on Alki UCC's YouTube channel.
**Indicates instrumental adaptation prepared by Daniel Self

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